

REMARKS**The Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b)**

Claims 1-11 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Sakai (GB 2 225 147). Claims 1, 5 and 6-11 have been amended in order to differently describe the invention. To the extent that this rejection might still apply to the claims as newly-amended, it is respectfully traversed as follows.

Each of independent claims 1 and 6-11 have been amended to recite that the information record medium has an audio zone and a video zone. Such a record medium is described in connection with the diagram at the bottom of Fig. 5, for example. The record medium further includes a substantial information portion that includes video information and audio information which are related to each other. First reproduction control information is provided on the record medium to reproduce video information and audio information out of the substantial information. Second reproduction control information is provided on the record medium to reproduce only the audio information out of the substantial information.

Each of independent claims 1 and 6-11 have been further amended to specify that the substantial information and the first reproduction control information are recorded in the video zone of the record medium. Moreover, these claims have also been amended to specify that the second reproduction control information is recorded in the audio zone.

It is respectfully submitted that Sakai does not teach or suggest a record medium having an audio zone and a video zone. Moreover, Sakai also does not teach or suggest first and second reproduction control information on a record medium, as recited in the newly-amended claims.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit, for at least the foregoing reasons, and without prejudice to the additional distinctions presented in the previously-filed response, that

newly-amended independent claims 1 and 6-11 are in condition for allowance. Withdrawal of the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) is respectfully requested.

Moreover, claims 2-5 are dependent on independent claim 1 and are thus allowable for at least the same reasons as independent claim 1. Also, dependent claim 5 has been further amended to specify that “another substantial information including only audio information” is “recorded in the audio zone.” This arrangement is also neither shown nor suggested by Sakai.

New dependent claims 12-17 are presented in order to provide the Applicants with scope to which they are entitled. Applicants respectfully submit that these new claims 12-17 are also in condition for allowance.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully request the entry of this Amendment to place the application in clear condition for allowance or, in the alternative, in better form for appeal. Applicants also request the Examiner’s reconsideration and reexamination of the application and the timely allowance of the pending claims 1-17. Should the Examiner feel that there are any issues outstanding after consideration of this response, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants’ undersigned representative to expedite prosecution.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment. The attachment is captioned “Version with Markings to Show Changes Made.”

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C.F.R. § 1.136 not accounted for above, such an extension is requested and the fee should also be charged to our Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claims 1, 5 and 6-11 have been amended as follows:

1. (Amended) An information record medium having an audio zone and a video zone comprising:

substantial information including video information and audio information which are related to each other;

first reproduction control information to [simultaneously] reproduce the video information and [the] audio information out of the substantial information; and

second reproduction control information to reproduce only the audio information out of the substantial information,

wherein the substantial information and the first reproduction control information are recorded in the video zone, and the second reproduction control information is recorded in the audio zone.

5. (Amended) An information record medium according to Claim 1, further comprising another substantial information including only audio information recorded in the audio zone.

6. (Amended) An information reproducing apparatus for reproducing an information record medium having an audio zone and a video zone comprising: substantial information including video information and audio information which are related to each other; first reproduction control information to [simultaneously] reproduce the video information and [the]

audio information out of the substantial information; and second reproduction control information to reproduce only the audio information out of the substantial information, wherein the substantial information and the first reproduction control information are recorded in the video zone, and the second reproduction control information is recorded in the audio zone, said information reproducing apparatus comprising:

a reading device for reading the substantial information, the first reproduction control information and the second reproduction control information from said information record medium; and

a reproducing device for reproducing the substantial information in accordance with the first reproduction control information when a reproduction of the video information and the audio information is instructed, and reproducing the substantial information in accordance with the second reproduction control information when a reproduction of only the audio information is instructed.

7. (Amended) An information reproducing apparatus for reproducing an information record medium having an audio zone and a video zone comprising: substantial information including video information and audio information which are related to each other; first reproduction control information to [simultaneously] reproduce the video information and [the] audio information out of the substantial information; and second reproduction control information to reproduce only the audio information out of the substantial information, wherein the substantial information and the first reproduction control information are recorded in the video zone, and the second reproduction control information is recorded in the audio zone, said information reproducing apparatus comprising:

a reading device for reading the substantial information and the first reproduction control information from said information record medium; and

a reproducing device for reproducing the substantial information in accordance with the first reproduction control information when a reproduction of the video information and the audio information is instructed.

8. (Amended) An information reproducing apparatus for reproducing an information record medium having an audio zone and a video zone comprising: substantial information including video information and audio information which are related to each other; first reproduction control information to [simultaneously] reproduce the video information and [the] audio information out of the substantial information; and second reproduction control information to reproduce only the audio information out of the substantial information, wherein the substantial information and the first reproduction control information are recorded in the video zone, and the second reproduction control information is recorded in the audio zone, said information reproducing apparatus comprising:

a reading device for reading the substantial information and the second reproduction control information from said information record medium; and

a reproducing device for reproducing the substantial information in accordance with the second reproduction control information when a reproduction of only the audio information is instructed.

9. (Amended) An information reproducing method for reproducing an information record medium having an audio zone and a video zone comprising: substantial information including video information and audio information which are related to each other; first reproduction control information to [simultaneously] reproduce the video information and [the] audio information out of the substantial information; and second reproduction control information to reproduce only the audio information out of the substantial information, wherein the substantial information and the first reproduction control information are recorded in the video zone, and the second reproduction control information is recorded in the audio zone, said information reproducing method comprising:

a reading process for reading the substantial information, the first reproduction control information and the second reproduction control information from said information record medium; and

a reproducing process for reproducing the substantial information in accordance with the first reproduction control information when a reproduction of the video information and the audio information is instructed, and reproducing the substantial information in accordance with the second reproduction control information when a reproduction of only the audio information is instructed.

10. (Amended) An information reproducing method for reproducing an information record medium having an audio zone and a video zone comprising: substantial information including video information and audio information which are related to each other; first reproduction control information to [simultaneously] reproduce the video information and [the]

audio information out of the substantial information; and second reproduction control information to reproduce only the audio information out of the substantial information, wherein the substantial information and the first reproduction control information are recorded in the video zone, and the second reproduction control information is recorded in the audio zone, said information reproducing method comprising:

a reading process for reading the substantial information and the first reproduction control information from said information record medium; and

a reproducing process for reproducing the substantial information in accordance with the first reproduction control information when a reproduction of the video information and the audio information is instructed.

11. (Amended) An information reproducing method for reproducing an information record medium having an audio zone and a video zone comprising: substantial information including video information and audio information which are related to each other; first reproduction control information to [simultaneously] reproduce the video information and [the] audio information out of the substantial information; and second reproduction control information to reproduce only the audio information out of the substantial information, wherein the substantial information and the first reproduction control information are recorded in the video zone, and the second reproduction control information is recorded in the audio zone, said information reproducing method comprising:

a reading process for reading the substantial information and the second reproduction control information from said information record medium; and

a reproducing process for reproducing the substantial information in accordance with the second reproduction control information when a reproduction of only the audio information is instructed.

New claims 12-17 have been added.